

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 The invention relates to an information handling system comprising a handheld
device operable independently and having a first connector for external
5 connection, wherein the handheld device functions in accordance with a first
protocol and a second protocol; a first appendant device for the handheld device
having a second connector for connecting to the first connector, wherein the first
appendant device cooperates with the handheld device according to the first
10 protocol inasmuch as the second connector is connected to the first connector;
and a second appendant device for the handheld device having a third connector
for connecting to the first connector, wherein the second appendant device
cooperates with the handheld device according to the second protocol inasmuch
15 as the third connector is connected to the first connector; wherein the first
connector has connector pins whose number is less than the number specified in
the first protocol for successful signal transmission between the handheld device
and the first appendant device.